

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2613**

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 10880.0386

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventors: Daniele ANDRONI et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Dobson, Daniel G.
Application No. 10/567,374	)	
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Filed: February 7, 2006	)	
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For: A MODULAR, EASILY	)	
CONFIGURABLE NODE	)	
STRUCTURE FOR AN OPTICAL	)	
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	)	

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 13, 2009, with a period for response extending through July 13, 2009, by petition and electronic fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.